



Rio Arriba County Detention Center (RACDC) POLICY 097 ATTORNEY AND COURT CONTACT

An Inmate has the right to contact an attorney or the courts when he feels that his constitutional rights or statutory rights are being denied or infringed upon. The Rio Arriba County Detention Facility and its staff shall not deny or hinder the right of any inmate to have access to the courts.

Procedure:

1. Detention staff shall ensure that all written communications from the inmate to attorneys and the courts are mailed.
2. Written material shall not be opened or read by detention staff. All materials shall be properly sealed and labeled by the inmate to ensure that his mail is not tampered with.
3. Detention personnel shall encourage inmates to use the services of their attorney before making contact with the courts.
4. Detention staff shall permit phone access to inmates to contact attorneys and the courts, though the use of inmate telephones.
5. Detention personnel shall log all personal appearances of an inmate before the courts on the daily activity log.